

In the Specification:

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Page 1, line 2, please insert the following heading:

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Page 1, lines 3 to 5, please make the following changes:

The present invention relates to an electronic circuit for short-circuit monitoring of one of at least two series-connected intermediate-circuit capacitor units [I.] according to ~~Claim 1~~.

Page 1, line 23, please insert the following heading:

SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Page 2, above line 1, please insert the following paragraph:

An electronic monitoring circuit monitors one of at least two series-connected capacitor units in an intermediate circuit in order to detect short-circuiting of the capacitor unit, and, according to the invention, comprises means for deriving a reference voltage from an intermediate-circuit voltage applied across the at least two series-connected capacitor units; means for generating a control signal consisting of a voltage difference between the reference voltage and a junction voltage at a junction between two of the capacitor units; and

means for generating an error signal when the voltage difference falls below or exceeds an activation threshold voltage thus indicating that the capacitor unit has been short-circuited.

Page 2, lines 1 to 11, please make the following changes:

~~This object is attained by the features of Claim 1[.].~~ An advantage of the monitoring circuit wiring according to the present invention is that the monitoring is carried out using a simple voltage comparison, whereby the voltage difference between the voltage present at the junction between two of the capacitor units to be monitored and a reference voltage that is relevant for the monitoring and derived is shunted from the intermediate-circuit voltage is used as the control signal, which, if one of the capacitor units short circuits, falls below or exceeds an activation a-response threshold voltage and generates an error signal. The state of the error signal is monitored by the drive computer or a higher-order control unit. If an error occurs, the relevant error reaction is carried out. As an alternative or in addition, the error can also be displayed using a display means, e.g., a light-emitting diode on the drive.

Page 2, lines 13 to 14, please delete the paragraph between these lines in its entirety.

Page 4, line 17, please insert the following heading: